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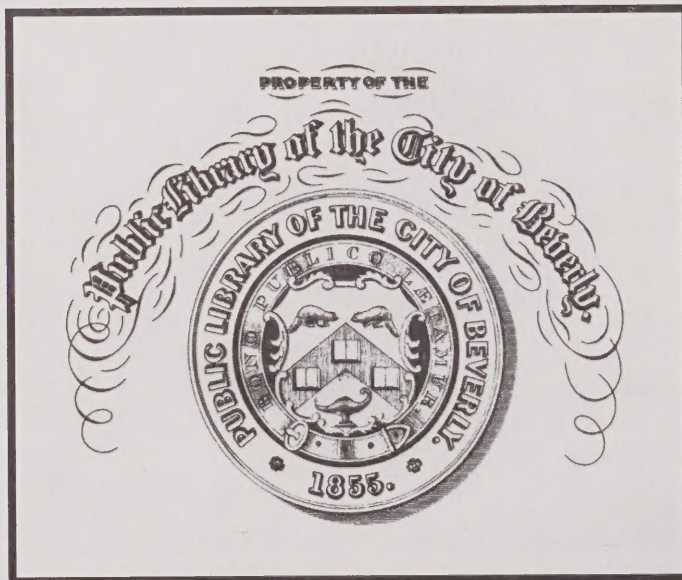
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# *Dedication*



Our glorious land today,  
'Neath Education's sway,  
Soars upward still.  
Its halls of learning fair,  
Whose bounties all may share,  
Behold them everywhere,  
On vale and hill.

—SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH



To the Cause of Education this issue of the  
BRISCOE BRIEFS is dedicated.



# Literary

## Hotdogs Versus Ted Williams

FROM my post in the vast Fenway Park, I could just about foretell what sort of an evening we were going to have with my little brother tagging along with a group of us older boys from Sunday school. It wasn't that he didn't understand the game for he could describe to you more about the game than most of the boys. He just ate too much. Before the game commenced he had enjoyed a couple of hot dogs which disappeared before you could shout Jack Robinson.

I had been determined not to let the little devil's stomach ruin my viewpoint of this mauling that the Bostonians were giving the Windy City Hose. My hero, Teddy, had wrapped five "bingles" on the nose. Nothing could stop the terror as he batted both right-handed pitchers and "southpaws". He had three one-base hits and two two-baggers.

My carnivorous brother once more needed refueling.

I just could not express my feeling as the human machine disintegrated hotdog after hotdog, roll after roll. I doubt if my satellite saw the game. He just got a hotdog, brought it back to his seat, and demolished the pellet in nothing flat.

He would surely burst if he had one more.

Williams took his turn in the batter's box nonchalantly and leisurely.

My brother still proceeded to devour hotdogs.

Hit after hit Williams made!

Dog after dog my brother ate!

When the final score was compiled my brother

was still laps ahead of Williams for he had twelve dogs to his credit while Williams had only five hits.

WARREN M. FISKE, 8 M-5.

## Class Song

TUNE: "Missouri Waltz"

Now 'tis time to say good-by to dear old Briscoe  
School

And the teachers who have taught us to obey the  
rule,

The classrooms that echoed with eager acclaim  
To the heroes of English and hist'ry book fame.  
To the band that played for us so many hours,  
too,

We'll look back upon these days with thoughts  
of friendships true,

"Fair play" was our motto, we'll never forget it,  
We'll keep our slogan true.

To the clubs which we have joined to try our  
skills for fun,

To our football team that showed such talent on  
the run,

The teachers who led us to help blaze our trail  
On the road to success where we all shall prevail.

Hail all hail to each and all who made our school  
so grand

Always we will carry on the ideals you have  
planned,

Hail spirit of Briscoe, we'll cherish you always  
In our hearts we'll hold you dear.

NANCY ROOT, AL-1.



## In Quest of Knowledge

I BEGAN life the usual way, by being born. Then I started growing up. And I mean up. I was the tallest boy of my age in any community I lived in. After spending a little more than five glorious years of eating, sleeping, growing, playing, and turning my mother's hair grey, the time came when I would have to take my first real step in my quest for knowledge — the first grade.

I came home from my first day at school very excited and told my mother the important thing I had learned; just down a small way from the school was a nice little candy store.

I went through the first two grades between Cambridge and Marblehead. I then moved to the birth-place of the American Navy. We lived in a good but unknown part of Beverly — Centerville.

It was about this time I began to realize the importance of a good education. I tried hard to get good marks and was very happy if I brought home a good report card, especially when I received a nickel for any A's I could get.

Though the days seemed long at the time, the years in reality went by swiftly. We went through to the sixth grade in Centerville and then went for one year at Hardie.

But what I was really looking forward to was Briscoe Junior High. At Briscoe the "kids" got out at two o'clock and had the whole afternoon for fun. Ha, ha, what I didn't know!

The first year at Briscoe just about filled my expectations. There were many extra activities and the different periods and teachers provided a quick passing of time. In the ninth grade things were different. I really had to start settling down and do some excessive studying. My studies were more difficult and there was plenty of homework. Now all the pupils in this school are working

hard to get those marks that will get them into college or help them obtain success in their life work. Partly right is not good enough. Good jobs or entrance into college require the best. In a few months Briscoe graduates will be headed for Beverly High School, one of the last steps in their quest for knowledge. In this day and age the best possible education is a must if we are to succeed in life. We must all try to fill our minds with the greatest possible amount of learning. If we do so we need have no fears, but lead a happy life. Work, play, experience, these three when blended together will send us far along the route in our quest for knowledge.

CARL EDWARDS, AL-1.

## A Book Review

HEAR YE. Hear ye. All adventure lovers! "Red River" is the book for you. The story is laid in Texas soon after the Civil War. The characters in the story are real and alive. Thomas Dunson, *would* drive his cattle to Missouri if it killed him. Mathew Garth, Dunson's foreman, knew he would have to take over. Cherry Valance was the villain. At the final showdown, a gun duel, the man still standing would win the huge cattle domain. Would it be Thomas Dunson, brutal empire builder, or Mathew Garth, his lightning-fingered foreman? Borden Chase has caught this exciting action on the Chisholm Trail. "Red River" may be obtained at the public library.

CONSTANCE FARRELL, 8M-1.

## Morn

Morn, a peaceful thing it is,  
The dew is on the corn,  
The little birds are singing,  
And the tiny new-born fawn  
Is playing among the rushes . . .  
Playing in the morn.

LEONARD MERCALDI, 9AA.



## The Advent of Spring

The winter snow is just about gone,  
Soon the crocuses will come along  
With their peeping heads of blue, gold, and  
white,  
Oh, what a beautiful and glorious sight!

Robin Red Breast has appeared,  
Chirping his songs of good cheer,  
Spring's harbinger, the happy Bluebird  
O'er the fields will soon be heard.

Then the tulip bed  
Uncovers gay blossoms of red,  
And dainty little violets  
Lift their shy heads.

Down from the heavens fall spring showers,  
To aid the little birds and flowers,  
Through Nature's beauty one may find,  
God's love expressed toward all mankind.

ANN WILLIAMS, AL-2.

## Modern Fairyland

WE were standing on the roof of the  
R. C. A. building in New York City. It  
was a very hot night but the visibility was very  
good and clear. Flashes of lights went on, one  
after another, like fireflies. Bright blues, reds,  
yellows, whites, and greens lighted the way. The  
Statue of Liberty was silhouetted against the  
black of the night. The huge spotlight on the  
top of the R. C. A. building lighted up and  
started turning. The cars moved along swiftly  
and their lights gleamed in the darkness like  
cats' eyes. You felt as if you were looking over  
the edge of reality into fairyland.

DIANE L. JENSEN, 8M-3.

## Is Chivalry Dead?

CHIVALRY is not dead, although at times it  
seems quite weak. The Sir Gallahads of the  
past developed chivalry in a strong and ever-  
lasting manner, and as hard as some of our  
modern young men may try to trample it, it  
lives on.

When one goes out in the company of a young  
gentleman, maybe he doesn't spread his coat in  
the mud for his fair companion to walk upon it.  
Maybe there are no more Prince Charmings who  
rescue princesses from their castle prisons, but  
we have, in our modern generation, new and  
more modern phases of chivalry. Most young  
men practice these rules of proper behavior even  
though some are negligent.

If you spend an evening with an impolite  
fellow who pushes through doors ahead of you,  
or who doesn't pay much attention to you, I  
can see how you think chivalry is dead, but that  
person's attitude merely places chivalry on its  
sick bed. There are others who will open doors  
for you, who will help you with your coat, and  
who will act as your protector. They are your  
Sir Gallahads who prove to you that chivalry  
lives on.

BARBARA COHN, 9-AA.

## The Northern Lights

From my window late one night,  
My eyes encountered a beautiful sight.  
A whitish cloud with a touch of blue,  
Streaked with red and yellow too,  
A bit of purple and delicate green,  
The most glorious thing I had ever seen.  
Streams of light were shooting high,  
Gleaming until they reached the sky.  
The golden moon above them shone,  
Looking down from her stately throne,  
Over the newly fallen snow,  
That glistened on earth so far below.  
What sight of grandeur did I see?  
'Twas the Northern Lights o'er the land  
of the free.

ROBERTA MUNSEY, AL-2.



## Skiing

SKIING is fun once you learn how, so they tell me, but, oh, what can happen while you're learning! I remember when I first put on my boards and tried to get up the hill. There wasn't any point to going up because I was only coming down again. However, if my memory still holds I came down a good number of times before the top was reached, only the points of the skis were facing the top of the hill. I didn't tell you how I finally arrived at the top but you probably have guessed. I simply took off my skis and walked up the hill which was much easier. Again I fastened my skis, pointed them down the hill, tightly gripped my ski poles and gave myself a push. Down, down, down, not down the hill, but into the snow. After I dug myself out I started for the top. I reached the top with much improvement this time but when I was set to go down the slope I discovered that one ski had been lost the last time down. Once more my legs carried me to the top and once more the hill started to pass beneath me only the whole incline went underfoot, not just the summit. This ended the first day of skiing but it wasn't the last. Many more days did I brave the cold to make another attempt at the sport. I tried the snowplow turn, only the snow was too heavy to plow; next came the stem turn, and then the stem Christiania, the Parallel Christiania, and last of all an attempt at the graceful Telemark. Not one of the turns was successful, and therefore the skis were of no use until I chopped them up and used them for firewood.

GORDON KULBERG, AL-2.

He that hath knowledge spareth his words.

—PROVERBS XVII 27.

Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers.

—ALFRED LORD TENNYSON.

Knowledge is sympathy, charity, kindness.

—SIR WILLIAM WATSON.

## A Big Bull

"LET'S go see the bull," cried Mary. Quickly we ran over to the bull pen. The bull looked very cross and angry. It was then I discovered I had on a red sweater. I thought I would be a little daring so I climbed up on the fence. The bull didn't seem to notice so I went right into the pen. All of a sudden he came charging toward me. For a minute I was so scared I couldn't move, but I soon got my feet going, and ran as fast as I could. I got over the fence just as he hit it. After that I stayed away from the bull, red sweater or no red sweater. Caution is the best part of valor.

CAROL J. EYERS, 8M-6.

## A Winter's Day

It started to snow in the evening  
And kept up all the night,  
And when we awoke in the morning  
Everything was white.

The pump that stood in the barn-yard  
With its coat of snowy white  
Served as a perch for the owl  
Who had been out in the storm all  
night.

The wind had not subsided  
But kept blowing the snow around  
Piling it against the haycocks  
That had been lashed to the ground.

We shoveled our way to the barn-yard  
For the chores, they must be done,  
With all of us working together  
It was a lot of fun.

And when the day was over,  
And all the chores were done,  
We sat by the open fireside  
Talking and having fun.

JUDITH PROCTOR, AL-1.



## Why Democracy Works

IN order to understand our problem, we must agree on the meaning of democracy. Lincoln's definition, stated in his Gettysburg Address . . . "government of the people, by the people, and for the people," expresses the political idea. To me it means much more than this. It is a way of life that respects the individual for what he is and gives him the opportunity to develop to the highest degree his individual talents and desires in co-operation and in free competition with his fellow men.

Democracy works because it is free competition at work. People enjoy competing if they find that conditions are fair. Competing and getting ahead appeals to everyone. Each one of us must have a goal and strive and work for this goal; otherwise, without a goal, no one would have incentive enough to live.

Democracy is the basic desire of human hearts. Everyone strives for freedom such as we have. It is a fundamental instinct of the human race. Democracy gives us the freedom to change our minds, as often as we want to. It gives freedom of choice within the boundaries of human brotherhood.

Norman Rockwell's "Four Freedoms" portray democracy in action. "Freedom from Fear," "Freedom of Assembly," "Freedom from Want," and "Freedom of Religion" is the democratic way of life. It is the way men throughout every nation have been seeking, often have almost found, and then lost. We have it, we fight for it, and we intend to keep it. It is "we the people" who make democracy work. We believe in it enough to want to keep it and not let it slip through our fingers. This striving and seeking gives a purpose that makes life worth living. It gives us ideals worthy of our efforts.

To secure these freedoms, each individual must do his part. Though his contribution seems small,

it is a necessary part of the larger whole. To do his task efficiently, he must be educated. He must learn to use his privileges to their fullest for the advantage of all. He must build for the next generation a better and greater measure of democracy. This satisfies the desire for growth born in every human heart and so satisfies us and makes our efforts worth while.

The Golden Rule says, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." If we lived this rule, democracy would raise everywhere the standards of living and the ideals of life to higher levels. It would bring comfort, pleasure, a sense of security, and a righteous ideal for living. Democracy works because it is built on a firm foundation. A life founded on this foundation can never be a failure, no matter how humble.

LAURA CARON, AL-3.

## The Circus

Jingle-jangle up the street  
And toot and beating drums;  
In scarlet trappings and in gold,  
The wondrous circus comes!

The clowns prance laughing down  
the street,  
Gaily the brass bands play;  
The peanut-hungry elephants  
switch their trunks and sway!  
On chargers, lovely ladies ride,  
Spangled and enchanting;  
The lions roar, the panthers pace,  
And Buff and I run, panting.

Now after the calliope  
That jingles-jangles on,  
We are full of circus day  
And crackerjacks and fun!

ROSALIE COHEN, AA-J.



## My School — Briscoe

WHEN first entering that new exciting school called Briscoe Junior High, I was inclined to think that I was going to have it easy that year. This, however, proved different, for it was to be much harder than grammar school.

It was a bit confusing to find the room marked 28. I thought to myself, the only way to find it is to ask and so I did. With a teacher's help I found it and that coming year was to be an important step in my quest of knowledge. The eighth grade was quite different from the first seven grades I had attended. Changing classes and teachers every forty-five minutes, eating lunch with all my classmates, more homework, stricter discipline, but best of all, there were more good times. The Minstrel Show and Fun Night were examples of good times at Briscoe. Assemblies in the hall and clubs on Friday also brightened up our lives.

But there was a serious side to it too. We had to buckle down and do our work well, have our homework right and in on time, and take care of our citizenship. Before we knew it the quarters had whizzed by and it was time to select our subjects for the coming year. This year was to be an even more important step in my quest of knowledge.

We had a splendid division in the ninth grade, AL-1. We got acquainted soon, to the disappointment of our teachers, and although we had some good times, we also studied hard and really learned something.

When it comes time to leave Briscoe and go on to high school to further our education we will know that our two years spent at Briscoe have not been in vain, and that these years have helped us in furthering our quest of knowledge.

TED MARGOLIS, AL-1.

## Susie

SUSIE is the proudest and most beautiful cat we ever had. Her shining tawny coat is accented with stripes of black. Her grey-green eyes are huge and alert to each move. Her sturdy and strong tawny legs guard well-sheathed claws that move restlessly in and out. She saunters slowly and gracefully when she walks and eyes things casually through half-closed eyes. Then she ambles daintily but deliberately away as if she thought it beneath her dignity to remain any longer. Her gentle purring is the only outward sign she ever gives of contentment or happiness, but she is still a much-loved member of the family despite her pride and aloofness.

BARBARA LILLJEDAHL, A-1.

## Skiing

Here I stand on top of a slope,  
My skis are steady, I'm ready, I hope,  
I'm off, and truly without much skill,  
I hope to goodness I don't take a spill,  
I whiz by a tree and under a fence,  
I'm worried, and scared, my body is tense,  
But when at the end, I feel I'm still game,  
And I'll go to the top and try once again.

SANDRA WILEY, PAJ-2.

## Spring Flowers

Spring flowers so gay and so bright,  
Nod their heads gently and close for the night,  
Rising each morning to greet the day  
I watch them sway, so bright, so gay.  
Bumblebees hum all the day long  
Looking for honey and buzzing a song,  
Butterflies flutter around them and perch  
Looking for honey in an endless search,  
Glorious colors and fragrant smells  
Perfume every spot that we love so well.

WILLIAM H. TILTON, AAJ.



## The Forest

Oh beautiful forest I've named you mine,  
Oh beautiful forest divine;  
Your trees like a shelter spread all around,  
Your pine needles like a carpet cover the  
ground;  
So dim, so silent, just like in a dream,  
There's even a small rippling stream;  
Listen carefully and you may hear  
The soft footsteps of an animal near;  
Nature has kept you for many a year,  
But none of your beauties did disappear;  
Please God watch over this forest so nice,  
Please God watch over my paradise.

MARY WOOD, A-A.

## My Pony

He's not a flying Pegasus,  
Or thoroughbred of fame;  
He's not a very clever steed,  
Or roan with streaming mane.

He's just a little prancing bay;  
My horse with tricks galore;  
But were he all those other things,  
I couldn't love him more.

PRUDENCE GOULDING, 9A-A.

## The Kingfisher

THE kingfisher is a very interesting bird. He lives on the banks of rivers or in the swamp. He is bright colored, has a long straight beak and short tail. The kingfisher lives chiefly on fish but sometimes eats frogs, insects or toads. He got his name by being such an excellent fisher. The kingfisher sits on a branch overlooking a stream and when he sees a fish he dives upon him. Sometimes they dive from a height of ten or fifteen feet. He is a very graceful diver and usually surprises his prey. They are very self-reliant and know how to take care of themselves. The kingfisher's bright colors add beauty to the countryside.

CYNTHIA COHEN, 8M-2.

## The Snowstorm

AS we watched, the clouds which had been hanging on the horizon all day traveled swiftly toward us and soon we were engulfed in the storm.

At first it came gently, then a wind blew the snow into little flurries. The clouds grew darker and larger and then a gale! The snow swirled around the little house on the hill. It drifted up against the walls, covering the flower beds with a soft, heaping quilt. It drifted in the road, on the pond and over the hand-hewn fences. Flakes fell faster and faster, the wind howling around the corners and among the beams in the old barn. Wind whistled through the tall pine trees standing guard over the brook. The force of the storm bent the slender birches over double and snow was heaped upon them. It hid everything from view except the barn and that seemed like a tall ghost looming up before us. As morning came nearer the shape of the barn became slowly clearer. The storm was gentler and gradually passed away and we beheld a vast expanse of snow where our farm had once stood, green and bountiful with crops.

CONSTANCE GARDNER, AL-2.

## Football Games

Why people go to football games, I'll really never know.

They go in rainy weather and sometimes even snow.

Your hands get cold, your feet get cold,

The seats get awful hard.

And someone's bound to trample you when Beverly gains a yard.

When trying to buy a hotdog someone crushes all your toes.

And when you finally get it, it's colder than your nose.

But don't let me discourage you, because if our team has won,

There's something about a football game that's really lots of fun.

MARTHA KENNEY, AL-1.



## The Firefly

One night a little firefly  
Was looking at a star  
And said, though no one  
heard,  
"I wonder what you are!"

Then eager for adventure  
And brave as he could be,  
He lit his little lantern  
And flew away to sea.

Then just as he got started  
He thought it looked too far  
Then looked a little closer  
And said, "Oh, my, a lovely  
star."

LOIS HARRISON, 8M-4.

## The Old House

The house on the corner is lonely and bare,  
Dirty and old with no one to care,  
Squeaky doors and broken glass,  
That lie on the floor in one big mass.  
The leaky red roof is sagged and forlorn,  
More shingles fly off at every storm,  
As we pass by on our way to town,  
We wonder why it was never torn down.  
This house on the corner, lonely and bare,  
Holds many memories we'd all like to  
share.

NINA PERKINS, PAJ-2.

## A Book Review

"SCARFACE" by Dorr Yeager is the story of a giant grizzly which lived on the barren wind-swept tundra of northern Canada and Alaska. In his early days his curiosity took him into conflict with a very angry beaver that raked him across the face with his piercing claws. This incident branded him with the name "Scarface". Like all other living things Scarface had to eat, and to do so he devoured some of the ranchers' plump steers. This angered the ranchers so completely that they did everything possible to destroy him.

His escapades are incidents which will delight any reader. I recommend this story to every boy and girl who is interested in good reading.

JAMES E. CORBETT, 8-M1.

## Displaced Children

CHILDREN of America could help the displaced children in Switzerland by buying Lady Bug pins which are on sale in different schools. During and after the last World War many children wandered all over Europe. They were homeless with no mothers or fathers. The children in Switzerland feeling very sorry for these unfortunate victims of the war decided they should do something about it. Of course that took money. Where would they get it? One boy had an idea. He said, "Let's go to every man in the village who owns a woodlot and ask him for one of his trees. Then we can chop it up and sell it for firewood." They were very successful and had a good start on their fund. In this and many other ways, they earned enough money to build nine homes for the children; French, German, Greek, Czechoslovakian, Italian, Austrian, Polish, Hungarian, and Yugoslavian. Each home has a mother, a father, a teacher, and a minister or priest of their own nationality.

Christmas, 1948, all the children gathered together out in the cold to give a play. They have no hall to hold so large a group and really should have a central building.

The symbol of this organization is a lady bug. Swiss children make pins of the lady bugs and sell them for one dollar. This money not only goes for the pins but for the children. It is saved for a central meeting place.

Children of America are asked to contribute their dollars to this worthy cause.

NATALIE BYRNES, 8M-3.

## Trees

The trees in the summer,  
The trees in the fall,  
In spring and in winter,  
I love them all.

As the years come and go,  
And seasons fly past,  
The trees of each season,  
In my memory will last.

SHIRLEY BARTOL, PAJ-2.



# Editorials

## A Plan for Your Life

THE best way to make the most of your life is to take the long look ahead. This means intelligent planning, foundations laid on bedrock of worth and virtue, patient building, and courageous pioneering. Be not afraid — it is better to light a candle in the wilderness than to curse the darkness! You are greater than the things around you. You stand on a pinnacle of possibility — and what you make of your future will depend largely upon you, and upon the plans you make while you are young.

First, let no one tell you that life is too uncertain to plan. Every great victory of the human race has been won in spite of the cry that it could not be done. If you plan and lose, plan again. You can succeed if you plan with a purpose! Some people plan early, others drift through the years without ever becoming masters in the temple of their own lives. They get nowhere because they have not taken the first step which is personal responsibility and self-discipline. The first step then, is a firm decision to be master of one's destiny — to have a real purpose in life, and a plan.

Secondly, after you have marked out the broad outlines of your plan, study the points at which there is the greatest hazard, a weakness, or possible failure. Right here, plan what can be done to begin again, and to get around these difficulties — which everybody has on the travels through life. Keep in mind, what kind of a person do I want to be? What kind of a life do I want to build? Can I develop the steadfastness and stamina that is needed to be what I want to be?

Third, set goals that make for happiness, success, and service. The desire and hopes for a fine wife and family is a powerful motive in the lives of most young men. Most girls hope to have a home and children. These ideals and hopes are the highest ambitions of the human race. They

encompass moral and spiritual values that ennoble men and women, and beautify life — that make living meaningful.

Lastly, your life can be your candle in a world where there is still much darkness. Plan to keep your candle of light burning — plan to put purpose into your living of life — and make Briscoe and your years here with your classmates, your teachers, and your work on the pathways of education, meaningful.

Plan, sow, and reap the harvest!

LESLIE R. JONES,

*Principal*

## Steppingstones to Knowledge

IN this modern world, we are all, consciously or unconsciously seeking to acquire knowledge. Briscoe Junior High School is helping us in our search for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding by placing steppingstones in our path. Learning how to think, to concentrate, to study, and to apply the knowledge gained are basic steppingstones. Good citizenship is essential for it prepares the pupils for adult life and lays the foundation for the leaders of tomorrow. One of the most important factors in our later life will be the ability to get along with others and Briscoe gives us this knowledge as well as book knowledge. Where is there another country that offers its young citizens such opportunities to better themselves? We are fortunate to live in America and in Beverly, where the standards of the school system are high. Take advantage of these steppingstones. Samuel Johnson once said, "Knowledge is of two kinds. Either we know a subject ourselves, or we know where to find information upon it."

MARILYN WINTER, AL-2,

*Editor-in-Chief*



## The American Way

HAVE you ever realized how fortunate you are to be living in the United States, rather than in some devastated country of Europe, where dictatorship reigns?

In America it is possible to have discipline as well as democracy, for one has the right to criticize public servants and demand faithful service for the good of all.

If one is an emigrant from Europe and has just arrived in the United States, the first fact he would observe about the American way of life would be unity. The majority speaks the same language, reads the same magazines, enjoys the same standards of living, and expresses the same philosophy of life.

As a member of the American society, one supports such social institutions as the churches and the schools. He is expected to be a good citizen, strive to make his community a better place in which to live, to stand on his rights, but claim no immunities.

There is cheerfulness among individuals and groups. The men who appeal most strongly to the public are not pompous tycoons, but those with a sense of humor. The fighting slogans at election time are likely to be witty. Amenities of life are widely distributed.

Truly, this is the American way!

NANCY DENAULT, AL-2,

*Assistant Editor*

## New England Coast

New Englanders will always boast  
Of scenes along their rocky coast,  
Great jagged rocks and rolling waves  
Dash against them in bounding  
sprays.

Small islands dotting this fine shore  
Where boats in summer love to moor,  
While up above the seagulls fly  
Flapping their wings 'neath the blue  
sky.

ROSALIE COHEN, AA-J.

## Peace

It's in a church  
That real peace lies  
Away from heartbreak, sorrows, and  
sighs,  
Where all may meekly bow their heads,  
And pray that they may be wisely led,  
There and only there, may be  
The perfect peace and harmony  
Where God alone is King of Kings  
And only of Him, we praises sing.

JUNE KIRKANE, AJ.

## Educational Opportunities

IN our progressive modern business world, there is the increasing demand for education. It is up to us, the citizens of tomorrow, to take up the challenge set before us today.

In schools all over the country, courses have been set up to comply with the ambitions and needs of boys and girls. The commercial courses provide an adequate education for those interested in entering the business field immediately after leaving high school. For those hoping to attend college and a higher degree of education, the college preparatory courses offer a fine foundation. Boys having special talents along mechanical and manual lines, find the Trade School aids them greatly in their special aptitude. The practical arts courses, consisting of cooking and sewing, teach girls the basis of being good homemakers.

Citizenship, too, plays an important part in fitting the students for the world in which they are about to enter. The marks gained through citizenship determine whether a student is able to get along with other people and is capable of assuming leadership and responsibility.

The future of America rests on our shoulders. This is the challenge laid before us. Shall we accept it? Let us not allow opportunity to pass us by, but let us march onward in quest of knowledge.

LORNA LAROE, AL-2,

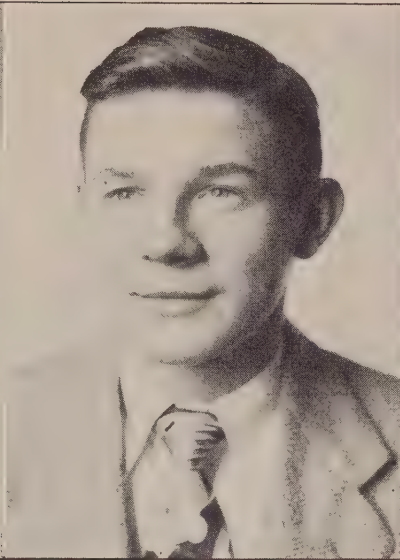
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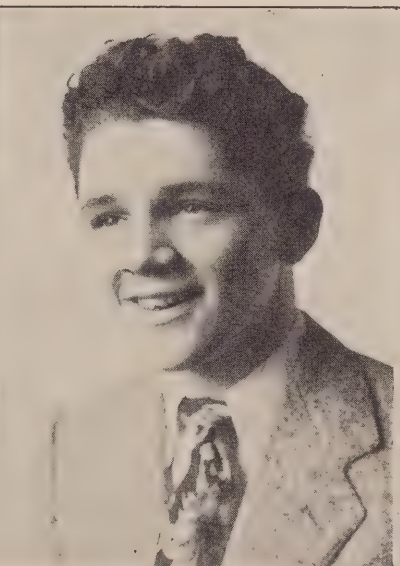
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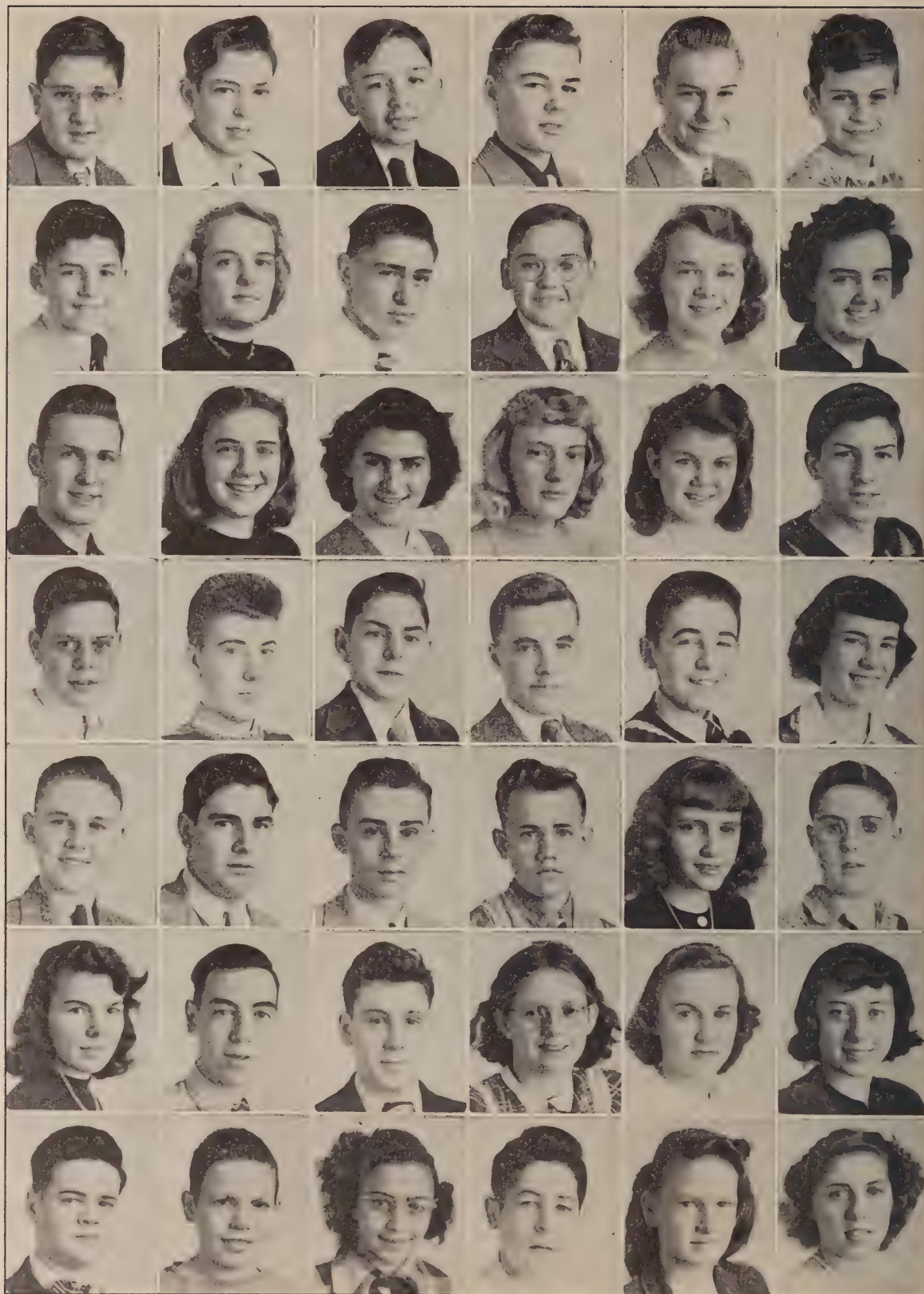


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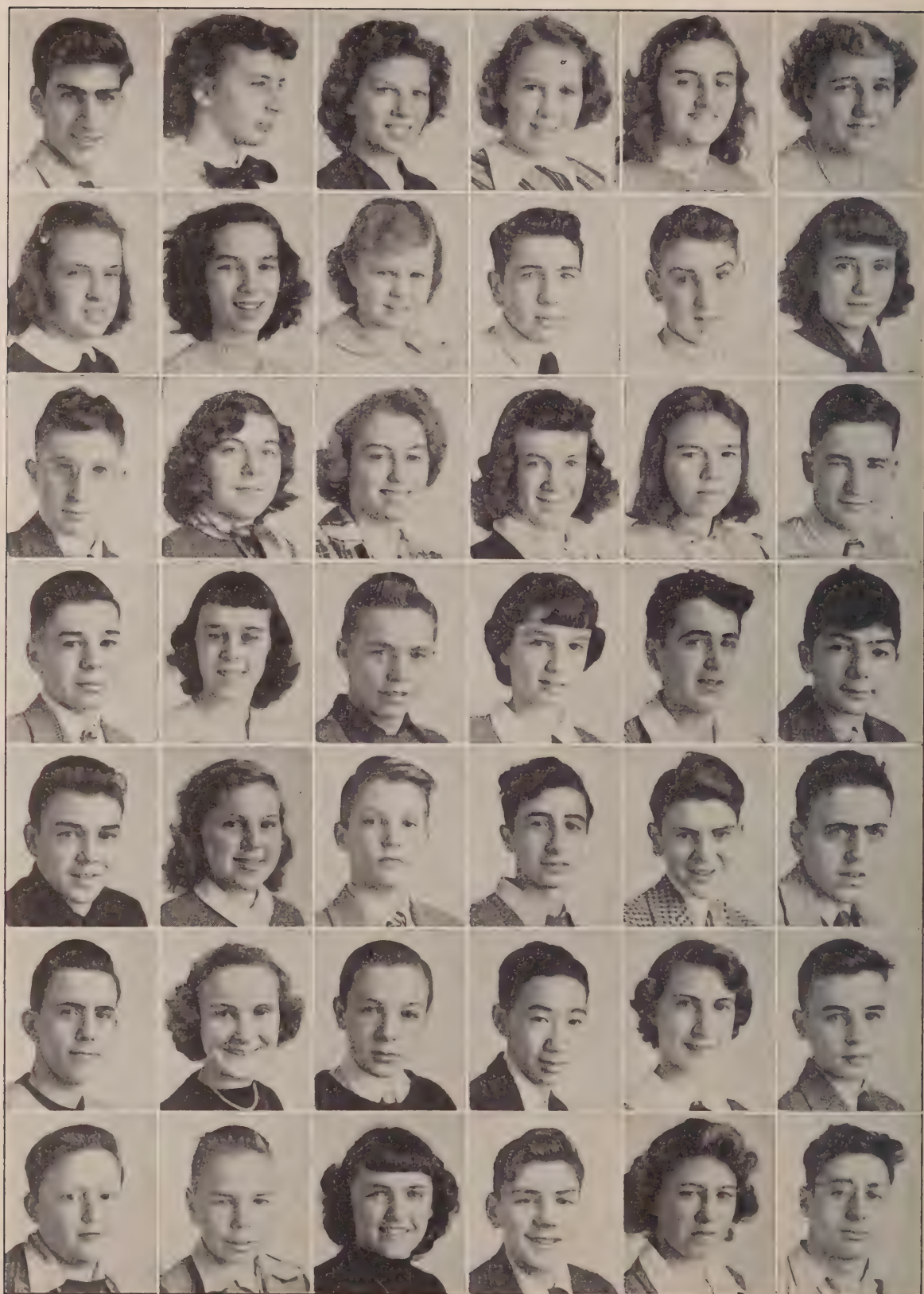




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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Richard Alexander    | Alec            | Football              | "Buy me this, will you, Dickie?"     |
| Emery Audesse        | Puny            | Football              | Kids who keep using the same jokes   |
| Paul Ayers           | Ayersie         | Baseball              | Homework                             |
| Richard Booth        | Dickie          | Football              | Experiments in science               |
| John Bradley         | Jack            | Football              | Getting to school on time            |
| Cabot Broderick      | Sonny           | Swimming              | My kid brother Bob                   |
| Norman Bushey        | Bush            | Baseball              | Getting up for school                |
| Joan Canning         | Red             | Riding                | Getting up in the morning            |
| Paul Caverly         | Parblo          | Golf                  | Going to school                      |
| Archie Chamberlain   | Archie          | Football              | My dentist                           |
| Barbara Charland     | Eskie           | Basketball            | Boys                                 |
| Joan D'Amour         | Joanie          | Basketball            | Scratching of pens                   |
| James Donlon         | Donlon          | Boxing                | Women in long skirts                 |
| Jean Dunlop          | Rusty           | Riding                | Riding in new cars                   |
| Paula Falloni        | Popsey          | Basketball            | Scraping fingernails down blackboard |
| Shirley Johnson      | Shirl           | Tennis                | End of vacations                     |
| June Kirrane         | Dee Dee         | Swimming              | Homework                             |
| Irving Knight        | Hermit          | Football              | Going to school                      |
| George Larcom        | Georgie         | Hockey                | Detention periods                    |
| Paul Larcom          | Poebulo         | Baseball              | Getting up in the morning for school |
| Francis Libert       | Brother         | Basketball            | Writing on the blackboard            |
| William Lord         | Lordie          | Hockey                | Walking to school                    |
| Edward McDonald      | Eddie           | Baseball              | Doing the dishes                     |
| Jean Ober            | Phiss           | Baseball              | Hard mathematics                     |
| Richard Payne        | Dick            | Basketball            | Homework                             |
| Hilton Perry         | Perry           | Football              | Getting up in the morning            |
| William Poole        | Billy           | Baseball              | Getting up in the morning            |
| Charles Ryan         | Eve             | Football              | Doing homework                       |
| June Stillson        | Red             | Skating               | Inquisitive boys                     |
| John Wilkinson       | Wilkie          | Baseball              | Braves fans                          |
| Marilyn Abbott       | Pudgie          | Swimming              | Onion peeling                        |
| Kenneth April        | Ken             | Football              | Getting up in the morning            |
| Andrew Beaulieu      | Andy            | Football              | Girls                                |
| Frances Bullis       | Franny          | Swimming              | Coming to school                     |
| Dorothy Butman       | Dottie          | Skating               | Conceited boys                       |
| Sally Churchill      | Sal             | Skating               | Noisy eating                         |
| Thomas Connolly      | Moose           | Swimming              | Fried eggs with broken yolks         |
| Arthur Conrad        | Red             | Baseball              | Lunch hour goes too fast             |
| Josephine Cristoforo | Jo              | Bowling               | My brother teasing me                |
| Allen Dickinson      | Al              | Football              | The 2 o'clock bell                   |
| Marion Dobson        | Mimi            | Dancing               | Traffic officers                     |
| Jean Freeman         | Jean            | Dancing               | Getting up in the morning            |







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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Harry Garabedian    |                 | Golf                  | Girls that scream in the hall            |
| Joan Glidden        | Joannie         | Swimming              | Chalk scraping on the blackboard         |
| Dorothy Hall        | Dockie          | Swimming              | Sophisticated people                     |
| Janice Hansen       | Jan             | Skating               | Scraping nails down the blackboard       |
| Patricia Harrington | Pat             | Swimming              | Mathematics                              |
| Betty Haskell       |                 | Swimming              | The bell that begins the first period    |
| Virginia Hearn      | Ginny           | Skating               | The bell that rings for the first period |
| Joan Heath          | Birdie          | Swimming              | People who talk about themselves         |
| Jane Herrick        | Janie           | Skating               | Scraping nails down the blackboard       |
| Ronald Nunes        | Homer           | Basketball            | This dilapidated, old, run-down bldg.    |
| William O'Hearn     | Oots            | Baseball              | The 8:15 bell on Monday                  |
| Sandra Pettipas     | Sandy           | Skating               | Gum snapping                             |
| Alvin Pofcher       | Pop             | Baseball              | Math problems                            |
| Marie Proulx        | Cappy           | Dancing               | I don't like school                      |
| Phyllis Smith       | Phyl            | Baseball              | Getting up in the morning                |
| Nancy Tompkins      | Nance           | Dancing               | The cracking of knuckles                 |
| Edna Trask          |                 | Skating               | Hearing chalk scraping along board       |
| Charles Trefry      | Buddy           | Football              | How fast the lunch time goes             |
| Robert Bishop       | Bobby           | Football              | Things out of place or uneven            |
| Mary Boyson         |                 | Skating               | Cracking gum                             |
| Donald Carter       | Donny           | Football              | People with no sense of humor            |
| Barbara Cohn        | Barby           | Riding                | Getting up in the morning                |
| Roland Crowley      | Crow            | Basketball            | Hallway traffic                          |
| Frederick Dinkin    | Frimo           | Football              | Girl's lunch room                        |
| Louis Doucette      | Lou             | Golf                  | The new look                             |
| Carol Flynn         |                 | Swimming              | Spots, blemishes, pimples on my face     |
| Ronald Fowler       | Reginald        | Skiing                | Nagging people                           |
| Nicholas Galluzzi   | Nick            | Baseball              | Popping gum                              |
| Donald Genova       | Don-Don         | Baseball              | Girls calling me "Little Ferdinand"      |
| Donald Gibbs        | Don             | Hockey                | People who like Ted Williams             |
| Richard Gilks       | Rich            | Bowling               | Movies                                   |
| Prudence Goulding   | Tiny            | Riding                | Muddy trails                             |
| Randall Hansbury    | Randy           | Baseball              | Girls that flirt                         |
| James Him           | Himo            | Basketball            | Basketball referee                       |
| Jean Hook           | Mops            | Swimming              | Oral stories                             |
| John Hurley         | Jack            | Baseball              | Homework                                 |
| Paul Laventure      |                 | Football              | An empty coke machine                    |
| William Mahoney     | Wum             | Baseball              | Going to school on Monday                |
| Eleanor Martin      | Ellie           | Football              | Filing of fingernails                    |
| Rodney Maxner       | Rocky           | Hockey                | Dull neckties                            |
| Helen McElhiney     | Mac             | Swimming              | Doing dishes                             |
| Leonard Mercaldi    | Mayor           | Football              | Algebra problems                         |







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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| Robert Munson       | Bob             | Hunting               | Homework                               |
| Ronald Pasek        | Rick            | Baseball              | Confusion                              |
| Anthony Pietrini    | Tony            | Football              | Girls                                  |
| Judith Roberts      | Judy            | Swimming              | Getting up in the morning              |
| Carol Saunders      | Digger          | Skating               | A certain eighth-grader                |
| Charles Scobey      | Pinky           | Football              | Girls                                  |
| William Sollows     | Bill            | Baseball              | Empty coke machines                    |
| Clark Sutherland    |                 | Football              | Homework                               |
| Alfred Thibault     | Fred            | Football              | Reckless drivers                       |
| Nancy Thomas        | Nan             | Skating               | Coffee jello                           |
| Joseph Vergari      | Wheel           | Football              | When the "kids" aggravate me           |
| Mary Wood           | Pip             | Swimming              | Cracking knuckles                      |
| Carl Edwards        | Shorty          | Skiing                | Typing drills                          |
| Barbara Entwistle   | Barb            | Skating               | Monday mornings                        |
| Joan Fitzpatrick    | Jackie          | Bike riding           | Snobs                                  |
| Leah Foss           | Lee             | Basketball            | Talkative disc jockeys                 |
| John Fossiano       | Jack            | Hockey                | People who don't like Joe DiMaggio     |
| Janet Frost         | Jan             | Swimming              | A flat wallet                          |
| Wilma Humphrey      | Willie          | Skating               | Snakes                                 |
| Robert Kaplan       | Bob             | Baseball              | Monday morning                         |
| Martha Kenney       | Marty           | Swimming              | Western movies                         |
| Deborah Kransberg   | Debby           | Riding                | Finding a page torn out in a story     |
| Hilda Lamberti      | Hildy           | Skiing                | Soap-box operas                        |
| Louis LaPointe      | Skip            | Baseball              | Leaky ballpoint pens                   |
| Mary Laramie        | Cuch            | Shooting              | Slow walkers                           |
| John Lefavour       | Sparkie         | Hockey                | My sister                              |
| Ralph Longobardi    | Ralph           | Billiards             | Homework                               |
| Constance MacArthur | Connie          | Baseball              | Radio commercials                      |
| Theodore Margolis   | Maco            | Skiing                | My sister                              |
| Robert Mattson      | Matty           | Football              | People who think they are "wheels"     |
| James McPherson     | Mac             | Football              | People who borrow lunch tickets        |
| Judith Proctor      | Judy            | Swimming              | Late buses                             |
| Jeanne Regan        | Jeannie         | Skiing                | Silly girls                            |
| Elinor Ricker       | El              | Skiing                | The 6:30 whistle in the morning        |
| Nancy Root          | Nance           | Swimming              | Making mistakes when typing            |
| Marian Ropes        | Esther          | Riding                | Calling purebred animal "thoroughbred" |
| Rita Rossi          | Ricky           | Bowling               | Snobs                                  |
| Richard Short       | Short           | Skiing                | My sister                              |
| George Southwick    | Southie         | Football              | People who say, "I can't"              |
| George Swan         | Swanie          | Skiing                | Tall stories                           |
| David Tonneson      | Chuck           | Hockey                | People who are late                    |
| Frederick White     | Fred            | Sailing               | Waiting for a bus                      |





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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---|
| Jennie Bussone        | Jen             | Basketball            | Fingernails against the blackboard      |
| Alfred Chouinard, Jr. | Junior          | Football              | Writing essays                          |
| John Ciani            | John            | Baseball              | A poor loser                            |
| James Clemeno         | Clem            | Football              | Trying to get a word in when scolded    |
| Rosalie Cohen         | Rosie           | Swimming              | Retiring at night                       |
| William Conley        | Bill            | Football              | New look                                |
| Anthony Constantino   | Tony            | Hiking                | People with no conversation             |
| Richard Cunningham    | Pidgie          | Football              | The new look                            |
| Norma Eastwood        | Nom             | Swimming              | Science homework                        |
| Stephen Edwards       | Queeney         | Skiing                | Going to bed at night                   |
| Lee Emerson           | Lee-Lee         | Bowling               | My brother                              |
| Hazel Fellows         | Shorty          | Bicycle riding        | Screeching of brakes                    |
| Douglas Grant         | Moose           | Motorcycle racing     | My brother                              |
| Anne Halupowski       | Honey           | Swimming              | Discourteous people                     |
| William Jacques       | Jakey           | Baseball              | Grouchy people                          |
| Raymond Judd          | Ray             | Baseball              | Scratching blackboards with fingernails |
| John Leahy            | Johnnie         | Baseball              | Gym on Thursday                         |
| Thelma Lessard        | Thel            | Swimming              | Show-offs                               |
| William Lewis         | Bill            | Hockey                | The new look                            |
| Sylvia Liberti        | Tillie          | Baseball              | Snapping of gum                         |
| Jean L'Italien        |                 | Baseball              | Snow storms                             |
| Elizabeth Marcucci    | Lizzy           | Bicycle riding        | Squeaky noise of chalk on blackboard    |
| James Miller          | Jim             | Swimming              | Gym on Thursday morning                 |
| Richard Moffett       | Muff            | Football              | Hard labor                              |
| Marcia Ober           | Dittie          | Swimming              | Washing dishes                          |
| Cynthia Parisella     | Cynnia          | Swimming              | Running of nails down a blackboard      |
| Louise Parisella      | Nazz            | Swimming              | Corny jokes                             |
| Carl Parker           | Junnie          | Bowling               | My sister                               |
| Gary Pierce           | Piercie         | Bowling               | The new look in women's dresses         |
| William Tilton        | Bill            | Basketball            | Wise guys                               |
| Shirley Vogel         | Shirl           | Swimming              | Reprimand by mother and sister          |
| John White            | Red             | Skiing                | Someone who is always talking           |
| John Woodbury         | Jack            | Swimming              | A poor sport                            |
| Richard Woodbury      | Woody           | Basketball            | Hungry basketball players               |
| Kent Zeilon           | Swede           | Swimming              | Big "Wheels"                            |
| Doris Adams           | Aloha           | Swimming              | Chalk scraping on blackboards           |
| James Atwood          | Jim             | Baseball              | Squeaky shoes                           |
| Norma Bradley         | Brad            | Tennis                | Squeaking brakes on an automobile       |
| Norma Broughton       | Nom             | Football              | Pencil chewers                          |
| William Creesy        | Billy           | Baseball              | The big bass tuba                       |
| Jeanne Crosby         | Jeanne          | Baseball              | Older brothers                          |
| Nancy Denault         | Nan             | Motorcycles           | Stan Kenton's band                      |





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|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bruce Earley      | Brucie          | Swimming              | The acme of silence                |
| Patricia Fisher   | Pat             | Football              | Little brothers fighting           |
| Nancy Ganey       | Big Noise       | Football              | Older sisters                      |
| Constance Gardner | Connie          | Swimming              | People who crack their knuckles    |
| Yves Gasser       | Evy             | Swimming              | Biting fingernails                 |
| Audrey Goodrow    | Goody           | Basketball            | Older sisters                      |
| Carolyn Johnson   | Slugger         | Swimming              | Older brother                      |
| Gordon Kulberg    | Gek             | Skiing                | Odd sounds from trumpets           |
| Lorna Laroe       | Stewie          | Skiing                | Cracker crumbs in bed              |
| Doris Loomer      | Squeaky         | Swimming              | Queer sounds at night              |
| Dean Luxton       | Lucky           | Baseball              | Squeaky clarinets                  |
| Frances Lynch     | Frannie         | Roller skating        | Snobbish people                    |
| Robert MacCulloch | Mac             | Baseball              | A squeaking clarinet               |
| Richard McKenny   | Dick            | Baseball              | A loud tuba                        |
| Roberta Munsey    | Berta           | Swimming              | People who are always borrowing    |
| Ann Perkins       | Perk            | Swimming              | Boys who can't dance               |
| Priscilla Perkins | Prissy          | Basketball            | Getting up on cold winter mornings |
| Ann Perley        | Annie           | Tennis                | Dogs barking to come in at 3 A. M. |
| Rosamond Richards | Rozy            | Swimming              | Monotonous people                  |
| Phyllis Russo     | Phyl            | Basketball            | Homework on week-ends              |
| Leslie Sigman     | Moe             | Baseball              | Too much homework                  |
| Dorothy Smith     | Dottie          | Swimming              | Opera singers                      |
| Alexis Ushakoff   | Iggy            | Football              | Singing radio commercials          |
| Ann Williams      | Billy           | Skating               | Chewed pencils                     |
| Marilyn Winter    | Mudge           | Swimming              | Having to tell middle name         |
| Bruce Abbott      | Abbott          | Baseball              | Boring lectures                    |
| Virginia Boswell  | Ginny           | Badminton             | Snowy weather                      |
| Claire Brennan    | Claire          | Skating               | Conceited boys                     |
| Eileen Brown      | Leeny           | Horseback             | Latin tests                        |
| Erna Butman       | Mickey          | Bowling               | Quarterly tests                    |
| Louise Carbone    | Duchess         | Swimming              | Braids                             |
| Laura Caron       |                 | Basketball            | Not having a nickname              |
| John Chmiel       | Johnny          | Fishing               | Homework                           |
| Richard Currier   | Booty           | Fishing               | School                             |
| Priscilla Davis   | Davis           | Horseback             | The school bus                     |
| Marie Dion        | Wee-Wee         | Basketball            | My nickname                        |
| Suzanne Doucette  | Sis             | Basketball            | Taking care of children            |
| Ernest Flint      | Ernie           | Baseball              | Bubble-gum chewers in the movies   |
| Richard Francesco | Dicky           | Baseball              | People who talk about school       |
| Paul Galluzzi     | Lacotz          | Basketball            | Algebra period too long            |
| Richard Golick    | Dick            | Baseball              | Getting up early for school        |
| Ann Hazell        | Liz             | Skating               | Riding in new cars                 |





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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Charles Manuel     | Umpus           | Football              | Non-playing football critics         |
| Marilyn Matson     | May             | Skiing                | Long conversations                   |
| Kenneth Meniatis   | Minne           | Basketball            | Homework                             |
| Ralph Nelson       | Beaver          | Hockey                | Silent lunches                       |
| Louise Ottley      |                 | Basketball            | Getting up early                     |
| Judith Patch       | Judy            | Swimming              | Late radio shows                     |
| Roberta Patch      | Bobby           | Swimming              | Getting up in the morning            |
| Alphonse Pelonzi   | Al              | Football              | I feel that homework is preposterous |
| Arthur Rockwell    | Rocky           | Hockey                | Mechanical drawing                   |
| John Tosi          | Jack            | Golf                  | Silent lunch                         |
| Cynthia Tucker     | Cynny           | Swimming              | Clocks ticking when trying to sleep  |
| David Whitaker     | Whit            | Baseball              | Silent lunch                         |
| Priscilla A. Allen | Prissy          | Skating               | Clicking heels                       |
| Priscilla M. Allen | Prissie         | Basketball            | Inquisitive people                   |
| John Ambrose       | Jack            | Football              | A person talking too loud            |
| Shirley Bartol     | Shirl           | Skating               | Dancing with a beginner              |
| Richard Brennan    | Dick            | Fishing               | Tall fish tales                      |
| Beverly Camire     | Bev             | Skating               | Answering telephones                 |
| Priscilla Carr     | Sillie          | Swimming              | Hypodermic needles                   |
| Lorraine Christie  | Honey           | Swimming              | Getting dressed up                   |
| Sandra Dawson      | Sandy           | Swimming              | Using a nailfile                     |
| Irvin Foster       | Sonny           |                       | Make up cards                        |
| Joan Hazell        | Haze            | Football              | A girl arguing                       |
| Ralph Innocenti    | Inno            | Basketball            | Mr. Pelonzi's two periods            |
| Thomas Macaro      | Tom             | Football              | The scraping of pans                 |
| Elizabeth Meade    | Betty           | Swimming              | People who chew fingernails          |
| Doris Morgan       | Dottie          | Basketball            | People talking too fast              |
| Barbara Nelson     | Barb            | Skating               | Waiting for the bus                  |
| Nina Perkins       | Polly           | Bowling               | Cracking knuckles                    |
| Patricia Plummer   | Doc             | Swimming              | Dressing up week-ends                |
| Ronald Prince      | Banjo           | Football              | Going to school                      |
| Sylvia Ramsdell    | Susie           | Tennis                | Falling on ice                       |
| Carolyn Reinhold   | Carol           | Skating               | Short fingernails                    |
| Frances Remson     | Pat             | Riding                | My brother                           |
| Margaret Simmons   | Peggy           | Dancing               | Clumsy dancers                       |
| Jean Sirois        | Sunshine        | Skating               | Saturday shopping                    |
| Nancy Stanley      | Winnie          | Swimming              | Phone calls                          |
| Laura Thomas       | Laurie          | Football              | Getting up in the morning            |
| Arthur Urquhart    | Sonny           | Swimming              | Being called "Dirtcat"               |
| Timothy Walsh      | Jake            | Basketball            | Scraping sandpaper with a nail       |
| Sandra Wiley       | Sandy           | Bowling               | Silly girls                          |
| Sally Williams     | Willy           | Swimming              | Teen-age boys in hats                |





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| James Acciavatti    | Soapie          | Football              | Permanent detention                  |
| Roger Beaulieu      | Bull            | Football              | English                              |
| Joseph Brindle      | Beans           | Football              | Inquisitive boys                     |
| Leonard Carty       | Lenny           | Football              | Too many periods                     |
| Leonard Chase       | Buck            | Football              | Nosey girls                          |
| Robert DePasquale   | Punchy          | Football              | Getting up in the morning            |
| William Durgin      | Bee             | Basketball            | Detention periods                    |
| Gordon Ferris       | Bo Bo           | Basketball            | History in the morning               |
| Lawrence Filippetta | Deleno          | Baseball              | Staying after school                 |
| Arthur Gauthier     | Gopher          | Football              | Getting up early during vacations    |
| Burton Hawkey       | Hawkey          | Hunting               | Eight o'clock bell                   |
| Leon Jette          | Jet             | Football              | Permanent detention                  |
| Robert Jutras       | Robbie          | Skiing                | Detention periods                    |
| Norman Kerr         | Weasel          | Football              | Waiting for the school bus in winter |
| Rodney Larcom       | Rock            | Football              | Inquisitive girls                    |
| David Mackey        | Buck            | Basketball            | Homework                             |
| Judith Marsden      | Judy            | Football              | Dishwashing                          |
| Arthur Naylor       | Duke            | Hockey                | Getting up at 6:30                   |
| June Page           | Junie           | Football              | Inquisitive boys                     |
| George Prescott     | Penny           | Football              | Talkative boys                       |
| Dominick Presutti   | Junior          | Football              | Father's strap                       |
| Daniel Reina        | Skeezix         | Football              | Getting up and going to school       |
| Dorothy Reynolds    | Dottie          | Swimming              | Getting up early                     |
| Margherita Serra    | Marjie          | Skating               | Homework                             |
| Donna Surles        | Donn            | Football              | Nosey boys                           |
| Gordon Sweeney      |                 | Basketball            | Girls                                |
| Niles Berry         | Farmer          | Hunting               | Studies                              |
| Joseph Boccia       | Joe Bosh        | Baseball              | A love bug                           |
| William Carney      | Willy           | Fishing               | Scratching fingernails on blackboard |
| Nancy Crosby        | Nance           | Swimming              | Snapping gum                         |
| Donald Foster       | Squeaky         | Hockey                | Big "wheels" in school               |
| William Hammond     | Beans           | Football              | Anybody who sniffs all the time      |
| Richard Hannon      | Dick            | Football              | Girls that tease                     |
| Donald Hennessey    | Hen             | Baseball              | Tall tale tellers                    |
| Elaine Hubbard      | Hub             | Football              | Cracking of knuckles                 |
| Warren Hyde         | Oggie           | Baseball              | A hot classroom                      |
| Richard Jannelle    | Dick            | Baseball              | Getting up early in the morning      |
| George McEachern    | Mac             | Football              | Going to work                        |
| John Moore          | Bud             | Football              | Girls                                |
| Frederick O'Brien   | Salem           | Football              | The bell at end of lunch period      |
| Harold Page         |                 | Baseball              | Social studies                       |
| John Papa           | Johnny          | Football              | Doing errands                        |



## Exchange

WE of the Exchange Department especially enjoyed "Woody Wilson Sez:" in the *Patriot*, published by the Woodrow Wilson Junior High, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. We also enjoyed the brain-teasing quizzes.

We would like to congratulate Carol Dunbar on the completion of her many crossword puzzles, appearing in the issues of the *Observer*, West Springfield Junior High, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The original verses in the poetry section of the *Broadcast*, Waterville Junior High, Waterville, Maine, as well as "It's a Joke, Son" was enjoyed by the Exchange Department.

Congratulations to the three scribes who wrote "Devil's Island" which appeared in *The Quill*, Pierrepoint Junior High, Rutherford, New Jersey.

We think the class alphabet which Shirley Pulsifer wrote in *The Stylus*, Lincoln Junior High, Malden, Massachusetts, is a very original idea.

Dick Stone's "Political Side Show" in *Paul Pry*, Paul Pry Junior High, Washington, D. C., was enjoyed by our department.

Wesley Brown, Jack Folmar, and Joyce Simpson have done splendid work in writing the "Yuletide Tales" in the December issue of *The Stevens*, Thaddeus Stevens Junior High School, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The literary section of the *Contact*, Wilbur Wright Junior High School, Cleveland, Ohio, contained many interesting stories which were liked by all.

Benevolence  
Reverence  
Initiative  
Success  
Co-operation  
Obedience  
Earnestness

Justice  
Unity  
Nobility  
Instruction  
Opportunity  
Reason

Honor  
Intelligence  
Gallantry  
Happiness

Sincerity  
Courtesy  
Harmony  
Orderliness  
Observation  
Loyalty

BARBARA COHN, A-A.

## A Recognition

THE Briscoe Briefs Staff expresses appreciation to the students of AL-1 and AL-3 for typing the "Briscoe Briefs" material for the printer.



# Class of 1949

| Name              | Nickname | Favorite Sport | Pet Peeve                       |
|-------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Ralph Parisella   | Rabbit   | Golf           | Getting up early                |
| William Perkins   | Perk     | Boxing         | Corny jokes                     |
| Janet Ruest       | Janetsy  | Skating        | Doing dishes in P. A.           |
| Louise Sawyer     | Lou      | Basketball     | Doing dishes in school and home |
| William White     | Bill     | Swimming       | A poorly lighted room           |
| Bradford Whitman  | Brad     | Football       | Having school on a snowy day    |
| Clifton York      | Cliff    | Skiing         | People who put on airs          |
| Vivian Zemerowski | Viv      |                |                                 |

## NO PICTURES

|                 |       |            |                                    |
|-----------------|-------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Robert Anderson | Andy  | Football   | English                            |
| James Duffy     | Duff  | Basketball | People who like the Boston Braves  |
| Molly Latorella | Molly | Basketball | Moody people; persons who complain |

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## School News

### Welcome

THIS year Briscoe welcomed to its faculty the following teachers:

MISS JUNE WHELPLEY, the girls' new "gym" teacher, was born in Boston. She received her training at Sargent College, Boston University, and practiced teaching at Lynn Classical and Dedham Elementary Schools. Hobbies such as reading, photography, and sports in general are special enjoyments of Miss Whelpley. During the summer she serves as head councilor at a camp for underprivileged children.

MISS DOROTHEA NIXON was born in Harvard, Massachusetts, and attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she majored in dressmaking. Among her hobbies are tennis, chip-carving, knitting, and sewing. Her previous teaching was in Wilmington, Vermont; Barre and Holden, Massachusetts.

### Fire Prevention Assembly

ON October 8, the students of Briscoe Junior High School gathered in the school auditorium for a fire prevention assembly.

Opening exercises consisting of Bible reading and the Lord's Prayer, in charge of Paul Larcom, were followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," directed by Miss Stuart.

Mr. Jones explained methods of evacuating the hall in event of fire, and a practice drill cleared the hall in less than two minutes.

A movie was shown, entitled "A Word to the Wise," which explained the fire hazards that may be found in most homes and gave information regarding lives lost and property destroyed.

The assembly closed with useful suggestions for fire prevention from Deputy Fire Chief Murphy.

## Briscoe Advisory Council

ON Friday, October 15, the student body and faculty of Briscoe Junior High School witnessed in the school auditorium the installation of the new Advisory Council.

The opening exercises consisted of Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer, the flag salute and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner". The Ninth Grade Chorus sang "A Tribute to Song", followed by a brisk selection from the band, entitled "Valley Forge March". Richard McKenny played a clarinet solo, entitled "Dark Eyes", accompanied at the piano by Roberta Munsey.

The oath of office was administered to Joan D'Amour, the new president, and she was presented with a gavel. Joan expressed her appreciation of the confidence which the student body placed in her. The members of the Council then repeated the oath. Miss Anderson, the Girls' Adviser, was installed as sponsor of the Council.

A few general remarks from Mr. Jones and a march, entitled "Bunker Hill", played by the band, closed the assembly.

## Football 1948

THE 1948 Briscoe football team had another successful year. Winning four of its five games, Briscoe showed good scoring ability. Leading the team's offensive drives were Scobey, Manuel, and Beaulieu. The season was brought to a successful close by defeating Swampscott.

The summary of the games is as follows:

| BRISCOE |                           | OPPONENTS |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 33      | Haverhill                 | 0         |
| 25      | Northeastern (Somerville) | 6         |
| 8       | Marblehead                | 22        |
| 20      | Swampscott                | 14        |
| 33      | Gloucester                | 7         |

The members of the 1948 football team were as follows:

ENDS—Robert Mattson, Jack Bradley, Roland Crowley, Carl Parker, John Papa.

TACKLES—Jack Roundy, Al Pelonzi, Leon Jetti, James Acciavatti.

GUARDS—Tony Pietrini, Ralph Parisella, Bud Moore, Donald Carter.

CENTERS—Dick Cunningham, Jimmy Clemeno.

HALFBACKS—Charles Manuel, Billy Lewis, Ronald Pasek, Charles Scobey, Dick Booth.

FULLBACKS—Hilton Perry, Dick Browning.

QUARTERBACKS—Andy Beaulieu, Nick Maglio.

## Christmas Assembly

THE annual Christmas assembly was held on December 23, in the Briscoe auditorium. Opening exercises were conducted by Elinor Ricker, followed by the Christmas play, entitled "Birds' Christmas Carol". The cast was as follows: Mrs. Ruggles, Gloria DePiero; Sarah Maud, Jean Ober; Cornelius, Phillip Bussone; Kitty, Beatrice Douglas; Peoria, Maureen Hanlon; Clement, Jean D'Italian; Larry, Arthur Bartol; Mrs. Bird, Caroline Johnson; Carol, Jane Parmenter; Peter, Allan Andrews.

Mr. Jones extended to the students and the faculty his best wishes for joyous holidays.

The assembly closed with the singing of Christmas carols by the student body.

The committee in charge of the program consisted of Miss Edgett, chairman; Miss Harrison, Miss Hazelton, Miss Moody, and Mr. Morel. The music was under the direction of Miss Stuart.

## Spelling Bee

THE students of Briscoe Junior High School held their annual spelling bee on Thursday, January 20, to determine the champion spellers of the eighth and ninth grades. Representatives were chosen from each division by means of a preliminary spelling contest. Mr. Battis acted as Master of Ceremonies. It was a close battle in both grades, but Richard Adler and Barbara Vacarro emerged victorious in the eighth, and Richard Short and Ernest Flint in the ninth grade. All four winners were applauded and awarded prizes by Mr. Jones at the close of the program. The contest was sponsored and judged by the members of the English department.

## The Presidential Inauguration

ON January 20, the students of Briscoe witnessed by means of television, the presidential inauguration. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Fred M. Vinson, administered the oath to Senator Alben W. Barkley that officially installed him as Vice-President of the United States. Next, President Harry S. Truman was administered the oath of office. This was the first time in world history that a presidential inauguration was televised.



## The Safety Assembly

THE annual Safety Assembly was held on January 13, in the Briscoe school auditorium. Joan D'Amour, the president of the Advisory Council, conducted the opening exercises.

Joan introduced Lieutenant Joseph W. Murphy of the Registry of Motor Vehicles who talked on safety and emphasized safe bicycle riding. The rules were as follows:

1. Do not ride double on a bicycle.
2. Obey all traffic signs and remember the pedestrian comes first.
3. Use your own power and do not hitch rides.
4. Wear light clothing at night and keep your bicycle in good condition.

Mr. Murphy's talk was followed by a movie, entitled "Safety on Two Wheels". The movie which was also based on safe bicycle riding showed the boys and girls good as well as bad habits which have or will be formed by today's riders.

It was soon discovered that Lieutenant Murphy was a talented baritone and he obliged us by singing "Now Is the Hour". The students and the faculty joined in singing the chorus with him which concluded the assembly.

## The Science Assembly

THE science assembly was held April 21, in the Briscoe auditorium to give the students a better understanding of the newest scientific discoveries.

The assembly was divided into three parts. The first part was a talk and demonstration on plastic and plastic materials and various kinds and types of it. Shown and explained were the methods of manufacturing plastic articles, their use and place in everyday life.

Science hobbies were next considered. A number of boys told about and exhibited their scientific hobbies — model airplanes, electric trains, motors, and other mechanical apparatus.

Neon signs were the highlights of the third feature. The gases comprising the color schemes, the voltage, and current necessary were discussed.

This was a highly educational and informative assembly.

## The Washington and Lincoln Assembly

AN assembly paying tribute to Washington and Lincoln was presented on February 18, at the Briscoe School.

James McPherson, who was general announcer, introduced Lorna Laroe and Marilyn Winter who gave tributes honoring Washington and Lincoln.

After a selection by the band there was a short five-scene pageant in which both Washington and Lincoln were prominent figures. The presentation had the history of the American Flag for its theme.

The cast for the entire pageant was as follows: Announcer, Ann Perkins; Mother, Laura Caron; Children, Cabot Broderick and Elsie Dellamonica; Professor, Robert Rasche; Pages, Priscilla and Patricia Bailey; Betsy Ross, Constance Farrell; George Washington, Arthur Bower; Robert Morris, Peter Friend; George Ross, David Barry; Flag Bearers, Robert Collupy, Raymond Atwood, Donald Hannable and Donald Booth. Representing the thirteen states was Marjorie Short; Francis Scott Key, Edward McDonald; North, Marie Dion; South, Martha Kenney; Colored Child, Gerald Marsella; Abraham Lincoln, Richard Golick; Color Guard, James McCarthy; Aviator, Ralph Nelson; Soldier, Robert Gustafson; Waac, Virginia Boswell; Navy Officer, Richard Booth. The stage helper was John Waitt.

The committee that planned and conducted the assembly was: Miss Larcom, chairman; Miss Hackett, Miss Rolfe, Mrs. Parks, and Mr. Linden. The twelve very beautiful flag posters were made by Miss Edgett and her helpers.

## Red Cross

BRISCOE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL responded generously to the call of the Junior Red Cross.

Report of Junior Red Cross Drive:

|                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| No. of pupils in school               | 557      |
| No. of pupils contributing            | 480      |
| Amount of money contributed           | \$28.92  |
| No. of rooms 100% (15-20-24-26-27-28) | 10       |
| (202-203-302-303)                     |          |
| Largest contribution                  | Room 303 |

We consider this year's record a very good one.

## The Dramatic Club Assembly

THE Eighth and Ninth Grade Dramatic Clubs presented two plays, "False Pretenses" and the "Ghost in the House", at the assembly on March 17 in the Briscoe School auditorium.

The Eighth Grade Club put on an outstanding performance of the play "False Pretenses".

The scene takes place in the library of a public school about noon of a school day. As the curtain rises, Jack, Algot Anderson; Shorty, James Cameron; Dan, Merrill Cook; Bill, Peter Friend, and Harry, Robert Rasche, are seated around a table in a conference, scheming to get money, under fair or false pretenses, from the girls who are: Marie, Esther Bigelow; Kathleen, Gloria DePiero; Frances, Patricia DiNardo; Ruth, Jean Hansbury, and Peggy, Barbara Scanzani. Their scheme depends upon Chuck's, David Duff's, going to the fair. Unknown to them their plan backfires.

Maureen Hanlon was the announcer and Miss Inez Rolfe was the director.

The Ninth Grade Dramatic Club presented "Ghost in the House" by Helen Louise Miller. It was a one-act comedy skit and caused a great deal of laughter.

The cast included: Mr. Meredith, Ralph Innocenti; Bob Meredith, Gary Pierce; Mrs. Meredith, Marie Dion; Mrs. Potter, Ann Hazell; Margie Newman, Nancy Thomas; Mr. Newman, William Durgin, and Ghost, William Jacques.

The play took place in the living room of the Meredith home where Spec, the ghost, whom Mr. Meredith won in an essay contest, first surprises and then assists the family by frightening away from the house Mrs. Potter, who was trying to persuade Mrs. Meredith to be president of the P.T. A., and Mr. Newman, who was trying to evict the Merediths from their haunted home.

The director of "Ghost in the House" was Miss Frances Trowt and the announcer was Tony Constantino.

The band accompanied the students to and from the hall with several lively marches.

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## The Ghost of Lollypop Bay

AN operetta, entitled "The Ghost of Lollypop Bay", was presented on April 28th in the Briscoe auditorium. This was a two-act light comedy skit, involving the trials of a bashful professor and his school for boys, with the girls' school across the bay.

The cast of characters included the following: Miss Mary Steel, principal, Marilyn Abbott; Mary, leading spirit among the students, Ives Gasser; Midge, Beatrice Douglas; Molly, Sandra Lynch; Dinah, colored maid, Constance Gardner; Professor Alvin Flint, principal of boys' school, Gordon Kulberg; Dick, leader among boys, Ken-ny April; Harry, William Tilton; Tom, Tony Constantino; Marcus Adam Johnson, middle-aged Negro, Alphonse Pelonzi.

This operetta was under the supervision of Miss Stuart and Miss Trowt.

At the final curtain the applause rang out, proving the operetta to be a great success.

## The Memorial Day Assembly

A MEMORIAL pageant, written and directed by Miss Sybil Barker, depicted the sacrifices made by the mothers of our nation. There were musical selections by the Briscoe Band. A saxophone solo by Leslie Sigman, accompanied by Roberta Munsey, was much enjoyed. Representatives from the various patriotic societies were our special guests. On the faculty committee with Miss Edna Spofford as chairman were Miss Dorothea Nixon, Mr. Paul Crosby, Mr. Jesse Dutelle, and Miss Sybil Barker.

William Durgin; and Ghost, William Jacques.

James McPherson, president of the ninth grade, announced the program and introduced the guests. In keeping with the theme of the pageant, a selection from the eighteenth chapter of Second Samuel was used for the Bible reading. A basket of flowers was presented to one of the guests. This basket was placed on the Soldiers' Monument for Memorial Day, thus carrying out an honored custom at Briscoe. After Mr. James welcomed the guests and made a few remarks, the program was concluded with the Salute to the Flag and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.



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# *Eighth Grade Notes*

## **Science**

SCIENCE with Mr. Linden is an interesting subject. This year Division 8A-4 studied about the sun, with its energy, distance, and connection with other planets, and about the moon reflected by the sun. The moon's surface has extreme temperatures, and its shape, as we see it, varies during each quarter. The nine planets studied were Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. The age of a star is shown by its color and size. The young stars are blue-white; the middle-aged stars are yellow; while the old stars are red.

We learned how clouds, wind, pressure, and humidity affect the weather.

We learned too about the earth's erosion caused by wind, storms, and rivers. Volcanos, lava flow, and deltas help build up the earth.

We enjoyed movies showing how oil is located and how it is pumped out of the earth. Movies and slides make science more interesting and easier to understand.

## **Language**

INTRODUCTORY language for eighth grade pupils is a basic course at Briscoe Junior High School. Instruction in Spanish, Latin, and French was received at different periods of the school year. The first quarter we studied Spanish, a language that most people should know since we are closely associated with Spanish-speaking countries. Since much of our English is derived from Latin, this language was studied for one-half of the year. French, which was studied during the last quarter, was found to be much simpler than either Latin or Spanish previously taken. This introductory course helps a student to decide if he wishes to continue a future study of languages. Members of 8M-1 are grateful to Miss Larcom, their capable teacher of languages.

## **General Business**

GENERAL business is a very interesting subject and an important one. Mr. Rogers, our teacher, has taught us a great deal about the business world. We have learned how to write business letters, studied the principles of the telephone and telegraph and how to send telegrams and cablegrams. Each pupil in Division 8M-2 kept a notebook into which was placed important information learned each week. The instruction received will aid us in the selection of our high school course.

## **English**

ENGLISH in the eighth grade is divided into four parts: grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and compositions. In grammar we studied the different kinds of sentences and parts of speech. A spelling match was held for the eighth grade. Richard Adler from Division 8 M-3 won the prize. Miss Rolfe, our English teacher, gave our grade a list of forty books to read before the age of sixteen. This was to increase our vocabulary. We also read many stories in class. The most interesting was a narrative poem, "Evangeline". We have written various kinds of compositions such as narrations, descriptions, and expositions. Eighth grade English has been very interesting this year.

## **Practical Arts**

PRACTICAL ARTS for eighth grade girls is supervised by Miss Moody and Miss Nixon. Sewing was taught to 8 M-4 the first half of the year and cooking the second half. Miss Nixon's sewing classes have made aprons, pajamas, and slips which are very successful. In Miss Moody's cooking class, we made cocoa, cup cakes, muffins, and other tempting delicious foods. We also learned to set the table for breakfast. Many girls like this subject because it is a relief to get away from studying.



## Typewriting

MODERN business methods, geared to high speed and aimed at ever greater efficiency, are largely the result of the use of the typewriter. It turns out letters at least three times faster than a penman can. It also has brought women into the business field. Here is what goes on in a typical eighth grade class. Mrs. Parks, the instructor of Division 8 M-5, assigns a practice lesson to the class. We have one period a week in typing in which we start with a review of the previous lesson. Some weeks we are given a review test. The clack of a typewriter sometimes gets on one's nerves, but typewriters have assumed a permanent place wherever speed, accuracy, and efficiency in writing are required.

## Social Studies

THE aim of social studies is to teach us how the people lived in the olden days and how we live today. We have discussed the foundation of our country. The First and Second Continental Congresses were studied. After that we discussed the Revolutionary War, and the important men who took part in it. We have also studied democracy and how it works in the government and the community. Movies about the Revolution, Napoleon, and Theodore Roosevelt made our lessons more interesting. We also saw the feature movie of William Penn which showed how he worked that the Quakers might hold office and have equal rights. We also saw the inauguration of President Truman by television. Division 8M-6 has enjoyed working under Miss Sybil Barker's supervision.

## Mathematics

DIVISION 8A-1 under the direction of Miss Mullen learned many interesting mathematical facts. The first quarter a review of seventh grade work was taken, including per cent, commission, and discount. Projects during the second and third quarters were more difficult as we had to study banking. We learned much about the banks in Beverly and different methods of finding interest, using the formula and 6% methods. We also studied certified and cashier's checks and how to open and use a checking account. Next

Beverly's tax rate was studied. Interesting introductory facts about algebra and geometry were discovered by the class during the fourth quarter. Everyone kept a mathematics notebook which proved helpful throughout the year. We all found mathematics a very worthwhile and practical subject.

## Penmanship

GOOD penmanship is something for which everyone must strive. During the first lesson with Miss Coleman, Division 8A-2 was given a work chart containing all the lessons we would have during the year. The first thing we did when we went to class was to practice the class lesson for about ten minutes. Then we all worked on our individual lessons. When we finished a lesson, it had to be accepted by Miss Coleman before Miss Adams, the penmanship supervisor, marked it. After the lessons were accepted and marked, a record was made on our work chart. Miss Adams came once a month to help us get our certificates. Our division was very proud when Sandra Lynch was the first to get her certificate. We have all tried to complete the work required and to win our certificates, for we realize that legible writing is an important skill which anyone can acquire if he tries.

## Art

ART in Division 8A-3 consists mainly of sketching, lettering, and writing biographies of famous artists. In sketching, most girls like to work on fashions, while others prefer pretty animals such as the kitten and dog. The boys prefer sketching airplanes, and boats. Lettering is a very interesting procedure. The pupils work on fancy, plain, small and large letters. The lettering has to be measured, double-lined and arranged in alphabetical order. One biography is written each week. After four biographies are written, we study them for a test. We have studied John Francois Millet, Rosa Bonheur, Leonardo da Vinci, and Raphael. The biographies were put into books, and small paintings were beside their stories. Art is an interesting subject.

# Alumni

WE salute you, our peacetime service men. Briscoe is proud of its graduates who are serving their country so nobly.

## 1939

EDWARD CARTY, an Army private, is stationed in California at the present time.

## 1941

EDMUND HEATH is serving as a radar-man with the Navy in Virginia.

## 1942

WILLIAM G. TOWER is a seaman in the Navy and is currently serving aboard the destroyer U. S. S. *Beatty*.

## 1943

ROBERT PASEK is serving with the Navy as a seaman in California.

PFC. THOMAS POWERS completed his basic training in the U. S. Marine Corps in the fall of 1948.

ALLAN J. WHALEN, a U. S. N. seaman, is cruising the Mediterranean Sea on the destroyer U. S. S. *Compton* as part of the Sixth Task Fleet.

## 1944

PFC. ALBERT W. CHURCHILL is currently with the Air Force at San Antonio, Texas.

CPL. DONALD BOWER is serving with the Air Force Carpentry group at Brettenwood, England.

DONALD CYR is a fireman's apprentice aboard the U. S. S. *William Tomason*. He is stationed in China at the present time.

CHARLES S. EMERSON is serving with the U. S. Army in Germany.

CAROL B. GANEY is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, with the U. S. Marines.

PFC. ROBERT W. HOOPER has recently reported to Kessler Field, Mississippi, to begin

training in the Airplane and Engine Mechanics School located there.

AIRMAN PFC. ROBERT ROWE is currently stationed with the 57th Communication Squadron at Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska.

## 1945

GEORGE PAGE is serving his country with the Air Corps in Texas.

PFC. LUCIO F. VALLONE is a recent graduate of the Air Force basic training course at Lockland Air Base, Texas. He has taken an oversea's assignment in the Far East.

PFC. THOMAS WOOD is stationed with the Army Air Corps at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas.

## 1946

DONALD GANEY is serving with the Navy at Corpus Christi, Texas.

ROBERT PETTIPAS is stationed at the Great Lakes Naval Recruit Training Center, Waukegan, Illinois.

ACHILLE PRESUTTI, a seaman in the Navy, is currently stationed at Green Cove Springs, Florida.

PFC. DONALD R. RICHARDS sailed from Seattle to Japan in June, 1948, where he is now in the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon.

S/1C JOHN J. WALSH is located at the U. S. Navy Base in Norfolk, Virginia.

## 1947

RCT. RUSSELL E. PAGE is serving with the A. A. A. Gun Brigade at Fort Bliss, Texas.

## 1948

RCT. RICHARD BEAUREGARDE is also with the A. A. A. Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas.



# Features

## The Sunny South

AS a feature editor of the "Briscoe Briefs" I had the pleasure of interviewing Mr. Pelonzi regarding his trip to Florida. Mr. Pelonzi is a science teacher at Briscoe Junior High School and assistant football coach at Beverly High School, and was one of the men who went south with the football team during the Christmas holidays.

Eager to relate his experiences in the Sunny South, Mr. Pelonzi started right in telling me about his journey. "We left Beverly bright and early on the morning of December 28 and sped by train to New York where we took a short sight-seeing tour through the big city. Our next stop was at Washington, D. C., where we stayed overnight at the Annapolis Hotel."

I questioned him about the tour through our Nation's capital. His reply was, "We stopped at the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, but most of the boys enjoyed the Bureau of Engraving most."

"You stopped next in Jacksonville, did you not?" I queried.

"Yes," he replied. "While we were there we met Robert Robinson, a former Beverly boy who is now a member of the Missouri football squad. From Jacksonville we made the trip down the Florida coast by bus. On our way we stopped at St. Augustine, the oldest city in the United States, and the very colorful Marineland. We also visited the famous Fountain of Youth and while there we learned a very interesting fact about it. Several years ago a palm tree near the well-known spring was uprooted during a wind-storm and a stone cross was uncovered. The upright of this cross consisted of fifteen stones and the arm thirteen. Therefore, it is believed that this cross was placed there by Ponce de Leon in the year 1513."

My next inquiry was: "What was the highlight of your stay in Miami, Mr. Pelonzi?"

"Well, of course, the football game was very exciting but the New Year's pageant held in the Orange Bowl was the most gorgeous thing I have

ever witnessed. It is impossible to describe it to you. In one part of it, girls in beautiful gowns were standing in formations that looked like big flowers. Suddenly from the center of the flowers flew great numbers of pigeons. At the same time large quantities of colored balloons came floating out of the stands and millions of artificial scented orange blossoms drifted down from the sky. The memory of this will always be like a wonderful dream to me."

"How long were you gone on the trip?" I next asked.

"We were gone ten days, arriving back in Beverly on January 5. It was a great experience and we shall always remember the wonderful time we had."

ANN PERKINS, AL-2.

## The House of Seven Gables

IT was my privilege to visit The House of Seven Gables in Salem, Massachusetts, made famous in Nathaniel Hawthorne's writings.

A guide showed us first the rooms on the ground floor which were the kitchen, dining room, living room, and library. The kitchen was a very interesting room with a cozy atmosphere. Here I saw the hand loom, the iron candle molds, and the huge fireplace with the Dutch oven.

Upstairs we visited the quaint bedrooms with their four-posted beds and hand-carved furniture.

The most mysterious place was, of course, the secret passage way in which those suspected of witchcraft were hidden.

Wooden pegs were used in the construction of the house instead of nails.

A great deal of history is represented by this house for it epitomizes the furniture and customs of its day. I was glad that I had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting this historical place.

SANDRA L. LYNCH, 8A-2.

## Twirling to Success

SINCE I was a child of three, I have admired drum majors and drum majorettes. Every parade which came along I made an effort to have my mother take me, and I used to stand tensely watching and admiring the majorettes, never dreaming that I might some day become one. The circus was the best place to see these spectacular twirlers. Every time I attended the circus or a parade I was sure to buy a silver-coated baton from the clown.

In my neighborhood lived a girl who twirled for the Beverly High School in the football season. I learned quite a few movements from her and became interested as well as enthusiastic about it.

My mother soon became interested in twirling and was very much pleased to discover what I could do with a crude wooden baton which was made from the end of an old broom.

Finally my mother announced that I might take lessons from Mr. O'Hearn in Salem at his home on Saturday mornings. After taking lessons from Mr. O'Hearn for about one year he told me that I would be capable of twirling in a year or so for the Beverly High School.

When I entered Briscoe Junior High School a grand opportunity and quite a startling one was bestowed upon me. Mr. Jones, the principal of our school, became interested in the baton at the time of the amateur contest when many twirlers were competing. He inquired about my twirling and announced that he would like me to be the leader of the baton squad and conduct lessons after school.

I expect to have an audition with Mr. Finnegan, the band instructor, some time in the future to see if I am capable of doing solo work for Beverly High.

My career with the baton has been quite a thrilling one and I hope that I may be able to twirl to success when I reach Beverly High.

BARBARA ENTWISTLE, AL-1.

## Wayside Monuments

IT has been my privilege to visit many monuments along our nation's highways. These monuments mark the places where great events have occurred, or are in memory of famous people including the brave pioneers killed by the Indians. Along the Mississippi River on the Minnesota side are many roadside stopping places, which have bronze plaques bolted into stone telling of Minnesota's exciting history. Near Maumee, Ohio, there is a monument to "Mad" Anthony Wayne which is made of yellow stone and on it are the facts about that famous battle with the Indians by the Maumee River. Almost every mid-west town of any size has a monument in memory of the men who fought in the Spanish-American War. Along the Mohawk Trail near the Massachusetts-New York border is a beautiful memorial park in memory of the Indians and white men who took part in settling the area near the Hudson River. Along the highways in Ohio and Pennsylvania are markers showing where bands of settlers were attacked and killed by Indians. The markers are big stones like tombstones, surrounded by iron fences. These are just a few of the monuments erected all over our country in memory of the known and unknown heroes and the exciting part they played in founding our great United States of America.

ROBERT RASCHE, 8A-1.

## It's Not Peaches and Cream

OH, gosh! Will I do it right? Will I be be speedy enough for those expert riflemen? If I'm slow everyone will be impatient. Well, here goes!

I slowly descended the steps to the underground tunnel which wound its way to the target racks. The only echoes were the nervous footsteps, the uneven breathing of a scared boy (ME!) and the sloshing of gooey paste plopping against the sides of its container.

The morning soon ended with a bang (thunderstorm) and I, soaking wet, but happy, had worked the first day of my first job and had realized that working for a living was not all *peaches and cream!*

ARTHUR L. BOWER, 8M-3.



# Humor

## A Plea

Can't I have a dog, Ma?  
Please, can't I have a dog?  
I'll brush his coat,  
And watch him play,  
I'll even feed him twice a day.  
Please, can't I have a dog?

If you'll let me have a dog, Ma,  
He'll live just like a prince.  
And if a brave old cat runs by,  
I won't even let him wince.

I've even got him named, Ma,  
If I can have a pup,  
I'll even take my daily bath,  
And do the dishes up.

I'll be a different kid, Ma,  
If you will only say,  
That I can have a little pup,  
To chase the blues away.

JEAN OBER, AJ.

## Wouldn't It Be Funny If:

Lee Emerson were LEE PHILCO  
John White were JOHN BLACK  
Marilyn Abbott were MARILYN COSTELLO  
James Him were JAMES HER  
Robert Stone were ROBERT ROCK  
Priscilla Carr were PRISCILLA TRUCK  
Kenneth April were KENNETH MAY  
Irving Knight were IRVING DAY  
Richard Short were RICHARD TALL  
James Miller were JAMES BAKER

ANNE HALUPOWSKI, AA-J.

## Song Titles

"BUTTONS AND BOWS" — Sewing class.  
"BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME" — "U" on  
my report card.  
"I'VE GOT MY LOVE TO KEEP ME  
WARM" — Classroom in winter.  
"I LOVE YOU SO MUCH" — Teacher who  
gave me "A".  
"I'M FOREVER BLOWING BUBBLES" —  
Put the gum in the basket.  
"IT'S MAGIC" — Getting AH's.  
"SERENADE OF THE BELLS" — 2 o'clock.  
"ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS" — An  
"A".

## Limericks

There once was a man named Marrott,  
Who purchased a pretty, green parrot;  
'Cause the bird called him Mac,  
He fell flat on his back,  
This ended the story of Marrott.

FRANCES BULLIS, PAJ-1.

Helen once named her dog Al,  
He seemed such a wonderful pal;  
When she came near,  
He bit off her ear;  
That wonderful pal named Al.

ESTHER REVOLTI, 8M-1.

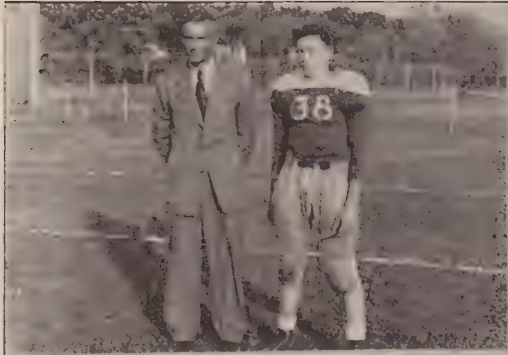
There was an old man from Kilkenny,  
Who never had more than a penny  
He spent all his money  
On onions and honey  
That pennyless man of Kilkenny.

DOROTHY RYAN, 8M-1.

There was an old man of Dutton  
Who's head was as small as a button  
To make it look big  
He bought a wig  
That silly old man of Dutton.

DIANA LOW, 8M-1.

## *Activities Pictures*







# *Autographs*



## *In Appreciation to the Advertisers*

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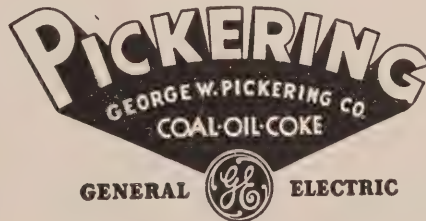
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